

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD

Fraud and cybercrime are the most common criminal offences in the UK. As the threat continues to grow and evolve, it's important to remember one thing - most of it can be prevented.

By following just a few steps, you can make it harder for fraudsters to steal your money or personal information when online, on the phone or at your front door.

STOP. CHALLENGE. PROTECT.

WANT TO Go to www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk for more **KNOW MORE** information on keeping yourself safe and to provide feedback.

DON'T FEEL PRESSURED

Just because someone knows your basic details doesn't mean they're genuine. £

YOUR MONEY

Protect your money. Don't feel rushed into handing over money or financial information, take time to think about it and talk to someone you trust.



STAY SAFE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Your bank, or any other official organisation, won't ask you to share personal information over the phone, email or text, be aware of unexpected contact. If you are asked for personal information check that it's genuine, call them directly using contact details on their official website or correspondence.

SOCIAL

CREATE STRONG RANDOM PASSWORDS FOR YOUR DEVICES

KEEP YOUR DEVICES UP TO DATE

VERIFY WHO YOU ARE TALKING TO ONLINE, OVER THE PHONE OR EVEN AT YOUR DOOR If you have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it to Action Fraud by visiting **www.actionfraud.police.uk** or alternatively call **0300 123 2040**.

If you receive a suspicious email report it to report@phishing.gov.uk

If you receive a suspicious text forward it to **7726** (free of charge)